

REMARKS

Claims 1–5, 8–13 and 16–18 are pending. Claims 2 and 3 are currently canceled. Claims 1, 4, 5 and 12 are currently amended. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

§ 102 Rejections

Claims 1–5, 8–13 and 16–18 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b), as purportedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,164,494 (Marelli)

While not admitting the validity of the previous rejection, Applicants submit herein amended claim 1. The Patent Office does not show where Marelli teaches, suggests or describes a dose counter wherein the counting member is “in the form of a ring comprising inclined surfaces in the form of at least one set of teeth”. Accordingly, with entry of the present amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claims 4–5, 8–13 and 16–18 each ultimately depends from amended independent claim 1 and adds patentable features thereto. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims over Marelli is likewise overcome.

The rejection of claims 1, 4–5, 8–13 and 16–18 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Marelli has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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